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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS ON SECRETARY'S VISIT AND SALT PROPOSALS

1. IN AFTERMATH OF SECRETARY'S VISIT, SOVIET PRESS THROUGH
APRIL 3 REPLAYS MAIN SALT THEMES FROM GROMYKO'S MARCH 31
PRESS CONFERENCE, EXCEPT THAT TROUBLESOME FBS ISSUE IS ABSENT.
BASIC INTENT IS TO KNOCK DOWN U.S. PROPOSALS AS UNREALISTIC AND
DEFEND SOVIET REJECTION AS JUSTIFIED. SENIOR POLITICAL
COMMENTATOR, ALEKSANDR BOVIN, EXPLAINS IN IZVESTIYA APRIL 2
SOVIET REJECTION OF U.S. "PACKAGE" WITH STANDARD GROMYKO
LINE, BUT NOTES THAT IN ADDITION TO UNACCEPTABLE PROPOSALS
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IN U.S. "PACKAGE," THERE WERE "PROPOSALS OF A DIFFERENT
CHARACTER" AND THAT SOVIETS WERE FORCED TO REJECT
ENTIRE PACKAGE BECAUSE PART WAS UNACCEPTABLE. THIS IS FIRST
ANALYSIS TO IMPLY THAT U.S. COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSAL
CONTAINED ELEMENTS WHICH MAY BE ACCEPTABLE TO SOVIETS.
BOVIN STRESSES THE THEMES OF "TRUST," "SINCERITY" AND
"HONEST," ARGUING THAT U.S. SALT PROPOSALS LACKED THESE

QUALITIES AND THEREFORE WERE "NOT SERIOUS."

2. REPLAY OF FOREIGN PRESS COMMENTS, PARTICULARLY U.S. PRESS, IS VERY HEAVY AND FOCUSES ON NEGATIVE REACTIONS AND QUESTIONS ABOUT SERIOUSNESS OF U.S. PROPOSALS. TASS WASHINGTON REPORTS ON BRZEZYNSKI PRESS CONFERENCE, MENTIONING HIS STATEMENT THAT U.S. SIDE EXPECTED SOVIETS WOULD NOT ACCEPT PROPOSALS. THIS IS USED TO BACK UP MAIN THRUST OF ARTICLE: THAT U.S. WAS NOT NEGOTIATING IN GOOD FAITH IN MAKING PROPOSALS.

3. NEW ADMINISTRATION IS DIRECTLY AND STRONGLY CRITICIZED FOR TRYING TO PORTRAY PROPOSALS AS PRACTICALLY COMPLETE DISARMAMENT PROGRAM. THIS, COMBINED WITH ARGUMENT THAT PROPOSALS DEPART FROM VLADIVOSTOK ACCORDS, IS USED IN PRAVDA'S AUTHORITATIVE INTERNATIONAL WEEK APRIL 3 AND ELSEWHERE AS PROOF THAT U.S. SIDE NOT ACTING IN GOOD FAITH. NEVERTHELESS MOST OF THE ITEMS END ON POSITIVE NOTES, VARIOUSLY INDICATING THAT THE VISIT WAS USEFUL AND THAT THE DIALOGUE WILL CONTINUE. INTERNATIONAL WEEK MAKES EXPLICIT A POINT IMPLIED IN THE OTHER ITEMS: "THE NEXT STEP IS UP TO THE U.S." TOON

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